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TO AMEMBASSY COTONOU IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: GPRB ACTIONS REGARDING EMBASSY PROPERTY

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REF: A) COTONOU 211; B) COTONOU203; C) COTONOU 198

1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY USE FOLLOWING POINTS
IN ITS RESPONSE TO FORMIN'S REQUEST THAT EMBASSY EVACUATE
CHANCERY COMPOUND BEFORE OCTOBER 26: EMBASSY WILL VACATE
BUILDINGS (CHANCERY, CULTURAL CENTER, PAO RESIDENCE,
AND WAREHOUSE) WHICH IT CURRENTLY OCCUPIES, AND HAS
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OCCUPIED SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AMERICAN EMBASSY IN COTONOU. UNDER ARTICLE 22 OF VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, CHANCERY PREMISES IMMUNE FROM REQUISITION, BUT IF GPRB NEEDS PREMISES FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE, WE PREPARED TO ACCEDE. HOWEVER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE AND ARTICLE 21 OF VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE EXPECTS THAT THE GPRB WILL LOCATE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE QUARTERS, AND WILL PAY ALL RELOCATION COSTS, INCLUDING COST OF NECESSARY RENOVATIONS IN NEW QUARTERS AND ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OLD AND NEW RENTAL RATES IF LATTER LESS FAVORABLE, BASED ON RATES FOR COMPARABLE FACILITIES. IN VIEW OF THE SHORT NOTICE GIVEN TO THE EMBASSY BEFORE IT IS SUPPOSED TO LEAVE THE ABOVE MENTIONED BUILDINGS, THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THE GPRB'S ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING NEW QUARTERS ASAP. IN EXPLAINING OUR POSITION, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT OUR WILLINGNESS TO MOVE IS CONDITIONAL ON SUITABLE AND EQUIVALENT QUARTERS BEING FOUND.

2. PER REFTTEL (B), DEPT AGREES WITH LANGUAGE SUGGESTED FOR NOTE TO GPRB ON STATUS OF AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. DEPT ASSUMES THAT COPIES OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN EMBASSY AND RENE ZINSOU WILL BE FORWARDED TO FORMIN ALONG WITH NOTE, PER FORMIN'S REQUEST. KISSINGER

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